

# Alpine Air Waves

Newsletter of Alpine Radio 96.5 FM (Kiewa Valley), 92.9 FM (Ovens Valley)  
& 94.5FM (Harrietville)



— “Community Broadcasting – Ordinary People Engaged In An Extraordinary Enterprise” —

Welcome to Alpine Air Waves — Spring Edition, Sep 2019

Alpine Air Waves is published twice per year (*winter and summer*) to communicate station news to its members, presenters, volunteers, sponsors and others interested in community broadcasting in the Upper Kiewa Valley.

We are a community radio station that is independent, not-for-profit, community owned and operated and is run completely by volunteers.

We rely on the active support of our listeners, members, volunteers and sponsors for the day to day operation of the station.

The station is located in the Mt Beauty Visitor Information Centre Precinct in north-east Victoria.

#### Membership

We stand for Access, Diversity, Localism, Independence & Innovation. Your support is vital for this unique service to continue. Family/Couple \$20, Single \$15, Pensioner/Student \$10, Business \$30 & Community Organisation \$30.

#### Sponsorships

The station has developed a number of attractive sponsorship packages (i.e. paid advertising) suitable for all types of businesses. All production is carried out in-house. We are fully equipped for digital production using the latest audio editing software and backing music. Contact Rebecca on 0477 010 087 for more information.

#### Broadcast Training

New presenters are always welcome and training is offered. We pride ourselves on delivering practical training on a one to one basis.

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## Alpine Radio AGM

Alpine Radio's Annual General Meeting will be held at 7.00pm on Wednesday 25th September in the Auditorium, Visitor Info Centre, Mount Beauty. All members are invited. Light refreshments, tea & coffee will be served after the meeting. (Please see enclosed official AGM notice).

### Vale Traudy

The most important notice in this edition is to say a belated goodbye to a dear friend of Alpine Radio, presenter and willing volunteer, Traudy Homolka. Traudy died in hospital in Coffs Harbour, where she had been admitted whilst on holiday. Many of us were away during a moving farewell held for Traudy in Mount Beauty a few weeks ago. Traudy volunteered as a presenter for Alpine Radio for several years, mainly presenting the Sharing & Caring Program, a 3-hour program playing requests for residents and staff of the local residential aged care facility, Kiewa Valley House, and also playing requests for Alpine Leisure Group in Mount Beauty. Traudy's presentations were warm and friendly, delivered in her beautiful German accent, and she enjoyed her time on radio; she loved the old songs and you could tell from the way she presented—from her heart. Traudy also loved being at Outside Broadcasts and helping out there as well, not only presenting but handing out membership forms and program guides, and encouraging people to fill out survey forms.



The photo at left shows Traudy in our OB caravan at one of the Outside Broadcasts back in 2015.

Vale Traudy, your warm and bubbly personality around Alpine Radio is already sorely missed.

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### Alpine Radio Committee of Management

- 2018/2019-

<b>President</b>	•	Linda Parkinson
<b>V-President</b>	•	Hugh Paton
<b>Secretary /Editor</b>	•	Nick Brown
<b>Treasurer</b>	•	Keith Pike

#### Committee

- \* Ken Halse (Technical Officer)
- \* Ian Erbacher
- \* Helen McDougall
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#### • Volunteer Positions

<b>Technical Officer</b>	•	Rob O'Connor
<b>Training Co-ordinator</b>	•	Hugh Paton
<b>Maintenance Officer</b>	•	Vacant

#### Other

<b>Station Manager:</b>	Michael Ahearn
<b>Marketing &amp; PR Officer:</b>	Rebecca Shegog

#### Life Members

- |                   |                           |
|-------------------|---------------------------|
| * Mary Smith      | * Warwick Randall (dec'd) |
| * Paul L'Huillier | * Bill Sutton             |
| * Rob O'Connor    | * Yvonne Sutton           |
| * Wendy Blake     | * Dick Puttyfoot          |
| * Ian Erbacher    | * Margaret Randall        |
| *Teresa Green     |                           |

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### Membership Renewals

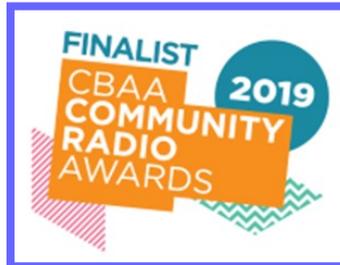
Membership renewals are due now and an application form for renewal is attached to this newsletter. Please renew as soon as possible as we rely on sponsorships, grants and memberships to pay our bills and stay on air.

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Look us up and "like" us on Facebook to be kept up to date with the latest happenings on Alpine Radio. See the link to our F/book page on our website [www.alpineradio.com.au](http://www.alpineradio.com.au).

### Wow—Finalists Again!!

Most of you will know that Alpine Radio won the prestigious "Outstanding Small Station 2018" award at the Community Broadcasting Association of Australia (CBA) awards presentation night last November.



Well, we've nearly done it again... we are a finalist in the award for Excellence in Technical Services at this year's CBA Conference in October. This nomination highlights the work done by our Chief Technician Rob O'Connor over

16 years of ensuring we are on air, continuing to keep pace with technology and continuing to improve. The work of his able assistants, Dick Puttyfoot and Ken Halse, is also recognised. The final awards will be presented at the gala dinner on Saturday 26th October in Melbourne. The other finalists in this category are Fleurieu FM from Victor Harbor in SA, Alive 905 from Sydney, and Two Double X in Canberra.

Wish us luck, again!!

### Glenn's 400th Rockin' Blues Program!

On Rock n Blues on Wednesday 4th September, Glenn Spencer celebrated his 400th program. Congratulations Glenn for nearly 10 years of presenting the best rock and blues music from around the world in this time-slot.



### Our Community Broadcasting Licence is extended for another 5 years.

You might recall at our AGM in 2018 we made changes to our Constitution and Rules so that we would comply with some new provisions from ACMA (Australian Communications and Media Authority) prior to submitting our 5-year licence renewal (which was submitted in February 2019). Members and listeners will be pleased to know that we have been granted continuation of our community broadcasting licence for a further 5 years until 2025.

This is due to a hard-working executive and committee, managing Australia's Outstanding Small Station 2018!!

## ONCE AGAIN – THANKS TO ALPINE RADIO’S WONDERFUL SPONSORS!!

In acknowledging our Sponsors, we would also ask our members and listeners to support them by purchasing their products and services whenever possible, and please make yourself known as a member of Alpine Radio.

**Baker Motors – Albury**  
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**Bright Brewery**  
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**Falls Creek Resort**  
**Falls Creek Hotel**  
**Medico Hygiene Services – Sale**  
**Mount Beauty & District Community Bank**  
**Mount Beauty Hardware & Drapery**  
**Mount Beauty Medical Centre**  
**Mount Beauty Neighbourhood Centre**  
**Mount Beauty Take-Out**  
**Mountain Valley Tyres (Bright)**  
**North East Country Wholesale Food Service**  
**Our Family’s Mobile Vet, Wodonga**  
**Punkah Pantry—Porepunkah**  
**Rocky Valley Bikes and Snowsports**  
**Studio E Cakes**  
**Tawonga South Butchery**  
**Tawonga South Newsagency & Post Office**  
**The Little Chop Shop, Bright**  
**Travel n Cruise (Bright)**  
**Treats at Bogong Ski Centre**  
**Wandi Pub (Wandiligong)**  
**Woolworths Bright**



### Outside Broadcasts

The best way to reach out to our communities is to get out of the studio and into the community, and so we will endeavour to run a series of outside broadcasts at various markets, festivals and other venues during the warmer months. Watch out for us at Harrietville Bush Market in January, at Bright’s Make, Bake It and Grow It market ( date to be determined), at Mount Beauty Market (also a date to be determined), and at one or more of the local Op Shops. We might pop up anywhere in the Valleys. If your local club has an event that might be suitable for a broadcast, let Michael know on 5754 4554. This past year we ran OBs at the Mount Beauty Cricket Club’s New Year’s Eve function, Mount Beauty Hospital Fete and Harrietville Bush Market in January, to name a few.

### Membership Renewals

**Membership renewals are due now** and an application form for renewal is attached to this newsletter. Please renew as soon as possible as we rely on sponsorships, grants and memberships to pay our bills and stay on air.

**Only Financial Members of Alpine Radio can vote at the AGM on Wednesday 25th September.**

### New Presenters

Alpine Radio welcomes two new presenters to the fold—

- Leesa King is presenting “Kid’s Talk” on Thursdays at 5pm—encouraging students from local schools to come on air and chat about issues and often controversial subjects, while playing some great new music. Leesa is also presenting the early breakfast program on Sunday mornings from 7am to 9am. Up with the sparrows!!
- Greg Lee is another new presenter on Thursdays between 11am and 1.00pm, with his program “What’s Going On?” with some really interesting eclectic music choices from Greg’s collection.

Alpine Radio is always looking for new sponsors. .  
Contact Rebecca on 0477 010 087 if you wish to become an Alpine Radio sponsor.

### From the Committee, what's been happening?

Seeing we are in the running for an award for Technical Excellence, let's start with the technical stuff:

- Rob and Ken (our technical experts) have been updating and installing new **UPS (Uninterrupted Power Supply)** batteries and inverters to ensure we stay on air during times of power outages.
- Rob and Michael (our Station Manager) have installed two new PCs with **Windows 10** to replace two old PCs (one of which had already crashed, unrepairable). The old PCs had Windows 7 as the operating system, and Windows 7 will not be supported in 2020 and beyond.
- Hugh Paton and Ken have installed a **training console** in studio 2—this will be useful to train new presenters or enable current presenters to practice and hone their presenting skills.

### Other stuff

- You might wonder why we have a **new Station Manager** in Michael Ahearn and what happened to Vivienne Rochford. Well, Viv's husband Brian got a job in Canberra for a few months and so they moved there temporarily, and Michael, being Viv's understudy, fitted straight into the role when Viv left. Michael also has terrific IT skills and is helping to fill a gap in our knowledge of IT.
- The Committee has been busy with a few items:
  - We have organised an **Acknowledgement of Country** to play every morning when the breakfast programs start, and also we are offering Acknowledgement of Country at all official Alpine Radio meetings.
  - We received from **CBF (Community Broadcasting Foundation)** a grant of \$10,200 to use to subsidise our Station Manager salary payments, and we also received a \$1000 content grant to assist with our ongoing commitment to produce two RPH programs (Radio for People with a Print Disability) per week. Thank you to Vision Australia and the CBF for their support of Alpine Radio.
  - The Committee is keen to run a **Planning Day** later this year, or early in 2020, to set our strategic goals for the next 5 years— so we will look to invite members and the public to that event and we are keen to have input from a variety of sources—after all—it is your local community radio station—we want you to have a say!!
  - Check out our website for our **Policies and Procedures** page —<https://www.alpineradio.com.au/policies.html> —lots of updated policies written by Linda Parkinson and approved by the Committee—thanks Linda and thanks CBF for a grant that enabled Linda to work on those documents as a matter of urgency.
  - Our President Linda Parkinson has been working for the past few months in Melbourne. Hugh Paton has stepped up to the plate to chair our Committee Meetings and provide some great leadership and ideas while Linda has been away.

### Diversity

- **Alpine Radio's AGM is coming up—Alpine Radio encourages women, young people, indigenous and multi-cultural people to join our Committee or our Program Sub-Committee , so that your voices can be heard.**
- **We also would like someone from the Ovens Valley to consider joining our team. What about you? Call Michael on 5754 4554 for more information.**